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SUBJECT: EIGHTH OCAM SUMMIT CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

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1. EIGHT OCAM SUMMIT CONFERENCE ADJOURNED AUGUST 12 WITH ADDRESSES BY CHIEFS OF STATE BOKASSA (CAR) AND NEW OCAM PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA (RWANDA) AND ISSUANCE QUOTE FINAL COMMUNIQUE UNQUOTE.

2. COMMUNIQUE HIGHLIGHTED DEPOLITICALIZATION OF OCAM IN FAVOR

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OF EXCLUSIVE EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL SOLIDARITY

AND COOPERATION AMONG MEMBERS; REAFFIRMATION F OCAM'S RIGHT TO OVERSEE (DROIT DE REGARD) ITS TEN INSTITUTIONS, SUCH AS AIR AFRIQUE AND SPECIALIZED REGIONAL SCHOOLS; OPENING OF MEMBERSHIP IN OCAM AND ITS COMMON INSTITUTIONS TO ALL AFRICAN STATES WILLING ADHERE CHARTER; CREATION OF A QUOTE GUARANTEE FUND UNQUOTE PRESUMABLY TO ENSURE MEMBERS PAY THEIR DUES; CREATION AT OUAGADOUGOU OF CENTER FOR PRODUCTION OF FILMS AND CONSORTIUM FOR FILM DISTRIBUTION; LOCAATED AT LOME OF INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE AND URBANISM, CREATED BY SEVENTH OCAM MEETING, AND NEW QUOTA FORMULA FOR ASSESSING MEMBERSHIP DUES.

3. ECONOMIC PORTION COMMUNIQUE UNDERScoreD THAT OCAM SUMMIT HAD DEVOTED MUCH ATTENTION TO CONVENTION OF ASSOCIATION AMONG COUNTRIES OF AFRICA, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC (ACP) AND LAUDED OUTGOING OCAM PRESIDENT SENGHOR FOR QUOTE ACQUITTING HIMSELF BRILLIANTLY UNQUOTE OF HIS OCAM MANDATE IN KINGSTON NEGOTIATIONS. CONFERENCE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION PROGRESS MADE IN REFORM OF AGENCE POUR LA SECURITE DE LA NAVIGATION AERIENNE EN AFRIQUE ET A MADAGASCAR (ASECNA) AND THAT GABON WULD PROVIDE ASECNA DIRECTOR GENERAL. COMMUNIQUE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT SEAT OF EUROPEAN CENTER FOR TRAINING OF STATISTICAL ECONOMISTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (CESD) WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO RWANDA AND SEAT OF CICA FROM LIBREVILLE TO UPPER VOLTA.

4. OTHER MATTERS COVERED IN COMMUNIQUE INCLUDE DECISION TO TRANSFER OCAM SEAT TO BANGUI AND NAMING OF REGIS FRANCHETTE OF MAURITIUS AS SEC GEN FOR TWO YEARS. CONFERENCE TOOK PARTICULAR NOTE OF SITUATION OF COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY DROUGHT AND OF CAR'S QUOTE GEOGRAPHICAL ENCLAVE POSITION UNQUOTE.

5. FINALLY, OCAM CHIEFS OF STATE WILL HENCEFORTH MEET EVERY TWO YEARS INSTEAD OF ANNUALLY WITH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CONTINUING TO MEET ANNUALLY. NEXT OCAM SUMMIT CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FOR KIGALI IN JULY 1976.

6. COMMENTS:

A. AS BEST WE CAN LEARN NO OCAM MEMBERS VOICED INTENTION TO LEAVE ORGANIZATION DURING MEETING AND OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT IT MAY TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS TO A YEAR BEFORE IT CAN BE ASCERTAINED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHETHER MEASURES TAKEN BY SENEGAL AND IVORY COAST WILL SERVE TO HOLD ORGANIZATION TOGETHER. IN SPITE APPARENT SUCCESS OF MEETING AND EXPRESSIONS OF SOLIDARITY REPORTS PERSIST THAT GABON AND PERHAPS DAHOMEY, NIGER, TOGO AND /OR UPPER VOLTA MAY NOT MAINTAIN THEIR MEMBERSHIP. PRESIDENT BONGO (GABON) DID APPEAR BORED WITH PROCEEDINGS AND DEPARTED BANGUI AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT, EVEN BEFORE NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION ON MORNING OF AUGUST 13. SOME DELEGATION MEMBERS MAINTAIN HE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER

COUNTIRES MENTIONED ABOVE BEHAVED MORE AS OBSERVERS THAN AS PARTICIPANTS DURING CONFERENCE SESSION, BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE TOO MUCH SHOULD BE READ INTO APPEARANCES AT THIS STAGE.

B. CAMEROONIAN CHARGE SAID CONFERENCE DECIDED TO ESTABLISH COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO CAMEROONIAN FINANCIAL CLAIMS AS A RESULT OF HEADQUARTERS EXPENSES IN YAOUNDE. HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT IS SATISFIED WITH THIS. HE ALSO SAID CAR HAS NOT PREPARED FACILITIES FOR RECEIVING EITHER STAFF OR HEADQUARTERS MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FROM YAOUNDE AND BELIEVED IT WOULD TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS TO EFFECT SHIFT TO BANGUI. HE REMARKED STAFF ENJOYED YAOUNDE AND WERE HIGHLY UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT MOVING TO BANGUI.
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